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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communication, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206
GN Docket No. 09-51**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 19, 2010, Steve Traylor, NATOA Executive Director, and Jeff Arnold, NACo Deputy Legislative Director, met with Wireline Competition Bureau Chief Sharon Gillett, and staffers Cathy Seidel, Jennifer Prime, Timothy Stelzig, William Dever, and Trent Harkrader to discuss various issues of importance to local governments. Among the topics addressed were the National Broadband Plan and its proposal to establish a rights-of-way task force. We were especially interested in the current status of the task force and the various rights-of-way issues it would consider. We also voiced our support for USF reform and urged that the Commission consider the role that community and non-profit networks could play in any reform efforts. We also expressed our appreciation for the recently released E-Rate Order and its expansion of funding eligibility to include community and non-profit networks.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this notice in the record for the proceeding noted above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Steve Traylor
Executive Director
NATOA

cc: Sharon Gillett
Cathy Seidel
Jennifer Prime
Timothy Stelzig
William Dever
Trent Harkrader